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URBAN DISTRICT OF FLEET



# ANNUAL REPORT

*of the*

**Medical Officer of Health**

*and*

**Sanitary Inspector**

**for 1953**



# PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

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W. C. D. WALMSLEY, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

*Sanitary Inspector :*

F. E. SMALF, C.R.SAN.I., M.S.I.A.

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## STATISTICAL SUMMARY, 1953

Area: 3,694 acres.

Population: 8900 (estimated mid-year 1953)—(Census 1951—9018).

Number of inhabited houses: 2598.

Sum represented by penny rate: £319.

Rateable value: £81,213.

General rate: £1/1/8 in the pound.

Birth rate: 16.6 (crude): 16.9 (standardised).

Death rate: 11.1 (crude): 8.4 (standardised).

Infantile death rate per 1,000 births: 20.3.

Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis: Nil.

Deaths from other Tuberculous Diseases: Nil.

Tuberculosis death rate: Pulmonary—Nil: Non-Pulmonary—Nil.

# The Medical Officer of Health's Report for 1953

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*To the Chairman and Members  
of the Fleet Urban District Council*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1953, which is prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/54, as in previous years.

The general health of the District was satisfactory. A new housing estate (Ryelaw Estate) was started, of some 140 houses and is not yet completed. This is primarily for the housing needs of the National Gas Turbine Establishment.

The Crookham Trunk Sewer was completed during the year and it is hoped to complete the sewerage of the Crookham area eventually. When this scheme is finished the greater part of Fleet will be sewerage.

Deaths from Cancer were 15, which is the same as last year. Cancer of the lung accounted for 4 of the deaths—all males.

No cases of diphtheria or poliomyelitis occurred during the year. Diphtheria has not occurred in the area since 1946. Measles notifications were high—191 as against 12 for 1953.

The number of deaths in the district were lower and the number of births were higher, but no significance is attached to this. The infant mortality deaths totalled 3, the same as last year and is lower than the rate for England and Wales.

## VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births—		Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	...	145	77	68
Illegitimate	...	3	1	2
Birth rate (per 1,000 population) = 16.6.				

Still Births—				
Legitimate	...	1	1	—
Illegitimate	...	—	—	—
Rate (per 1,000 total births) = Leg.: 67. Illeg.: Nil.				

Deaths—		Total	Male	Female
		99	52	47

Rate (per 1,000 population) = 11.1.

Deaths from Puerperal causes: Nil.

Death rate of infants under 1 year of age (per 1,000 live births):

Legitimate	...	...	...	20.3
Illegitimate	...	...	...	Nil

Deaths from Cancer: 15.

Deaths from Measles: Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough: Nil.

Deaths from Infantile Paralysis: Nil.

## BIRTH RATES

Year	FLEET URBAN DISTRICT		England & Wales Birth Rate
	No. of Births	Birth Rate	
1949	139	16.4	16.7
1950	146	12.8	15.8
1951	143	15.7	15.5
1952	111	12.4	15.3
1953	148	16.6	15.5

## DEATH RATES

Year	FLEET URBAN DISTRICT		England & Wales Death Rate
	No. of Deaths	Death Rate	
1949	105	12.4	11.7
1950	135	11.9	11.6
1951	125	13.7	12.5
1952	129	10.9	11.3
1953	99	11.1	11.4

## INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Year	FLEET URBAN DISTRICT			England & Wales Rate per 1,000 Births
	Births	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Births	
1949	139	2	14.3	32
1950	146	4	27.3	29.8
1951	143	—	—	29.6
1952	111	3	27.0	27.6
1953	148	3	20.3	26.8

## CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1953

					M.	F.
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	1	—
Cancer—stomach	...	...	...	...	2	1
Cancer—lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	4	—
Cancer—other	...	...	...	...	5	3
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	—	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	7	11
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	15	10
Other heart diseases	...	...	...	...	3	8
Other circulatory diseases	...	...	...	...	—	3
Leukaemia, aleukeamia	...	...	...	...	2	—
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	5	6
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	1	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	2	—
Other defined and ill defined diseases	...	...	...	...	3	3
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	1	1
Total					52	47
Death of infants under 1 year	...	...	...	Total—3	2	1
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age	...	...	...	Total—1	—	1



## VITAL STATISTICS

Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality and Case-rates for Certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1953. Provisional figures based on Quarterly Returns.

	England and Wales	Fleet
<b>BIRTHS</b> (Rates per 1,000 Home population)		
Live Births .. .. .	15.5	16.6
Still Births .. .. .	0.35	0.11
<b>DEATHS</b>		
All causes .. .. .	11.4	8.4
Typhoid and Paratyphoid .. .. .	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough .. .. .	0.01	0.00
Diphtheria .. .. .	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis .. .. .	0.20	0.00
Influenza .. .. .	0.16	0.00
Smallpox .. .. .	0.00	0.00
Acute Poliomyelitis (inc. Polio-encephalitis)	0.01	0.00
Pneumonia .. .. .	0.55	1.23
<b>Notifications</b> (corrected)		
Typhoid Fever .. .. .	0.00	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever .. .. .	0.01	0.00
Meningococcal infection .. .. .	0.03	0.11
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	1.39	1.01
Whooping Cough .. .. .	3.58	2.02
Diphtheria .. .. .	0.01	0.00
Erysipelas .. .. .	0.14	0.00
Smallpox .. .. .	0.00	0.00
Measles .. .. .	12.36	21.46
Pneumonia .. .. .	0.84	8.98
Acute Poliomyelitis (inc. Polio-encephalitis)		
Paralytic .. .. .	0.07	0.00
Non-Paralytic .. .. .	0.04	0.00
Food Poisoning .. .. .	0.24	0.00
<b>DEATHS</b> (Rates per 1,000 Live Births)		
All causes under 1 year of age .. .. .	26.8	20.2
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	1.1	0.00

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

There are two District Nurses, (Miss MacMonigall and Miss Phillips), who are qualified midwives, and since the 5th July 1948, have been under the jurisdiction of the Hampshire County Council.

There is also a Home-help service in operation, and this is administered by a County Council organiser with headquarters at Farnborough. Home-helps in Fleet, Hook, Farnborough and Aldershot, are on call for full or part-time service in the area, and the local practitioners, as well as the District Nurses co-operate in the scheme, which is working well.

During 1953, 35 families in the district received domestic aid from the service—(Maternity—6; general sickness—16; post-operation—3; aged and sick—3; aged and infirmed—5; chronic—1; tuberculosis—1).

This area, for general hospital purposes, comes under the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

The Fleet and District Hospital contains 33 beds, (9 male, 14 female, 6 children's and 4 private wards), and provides general medical and surgical treatment. There is a separate children's ward. There is no resident Medical Officer. There is a consultant surgical and medical staff in addition to the Doctors in practice in the area, who attend at the hospital.

Cases of Infectious Diseases are treated at Aldershot Civil Isolation Hospital. The ambulance service provides for removal of patients to hospital through the local depots at Aldershot and Farnborough.

The County Council is responsible for School Medical Services, Mental Deficiency, Maternity and Child Welfare, Orthopaedic Services, the care of premature infants and illegitimate children, and the Tuberculosis service (prevention, care and after care only).

The special Clinic for Venereal Diseases is held at the Manor Park House, Aldershot, and is under the jurisdiction of the Regional Hospital Board, as is the treatment part of the Tuberculosis service.

### **Laboratory Facilities.**

The Public Health Laboratory Service is at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester. (telephone 3807), and the Director is Dr. R. D. Mackenzie. All types of bacteriological examinations are carried out there.

Chemical examinations of water, etc., are carried out at the Borough Analyst's Laboratory, Southampton, by arrangement with the Southampton County Borough Council.

### **Clinics and Treatment Centres.**

Diphtheria Immunisation:	Clinics are held at the schools as required.
Fleet	

Venereal Diseases:	Held every Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Manor Park House, Manor Park, Aldershot.
Women	

Men	Held every Monday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Manor Park House, Manor Park, Aldershot.
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Tuberculosis Clinic: Held every Tuesday, 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Manor Park House, Manor Park, Aldershot.

Child Welfare: The first and third Thursdays in every month at the Institute, Albert Street, Fleet.

The County Council Health Visitor and School Nurse is Mrs. Crone and for the Crookham Ward, Miss E. Simpson, H.V., S.R.N., S.C.M.

Outside the District but serving the area, Orthopaedic Clinics for school children and infants are held at Farnborough and Aldershot, on alternate first Tuesdays in every month, and School Eye Clinics are held by the County Council at Aldershot as required.

### **Diphtheria Immunisation:**

Diphtheria Prophylaxis for infants and school children is done by the Local Authority for the County Council and is a free service. Parents may elect to have their children done privately by their own Doctor. Clinics held at schools would appear to be more successful in getting school children immunised and also for giving "booster" doses. Children under school age can still be immunised at the fortnightly child welfare clinic.

## **PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES**

The notifications of infectious diseases showed a great increase, 301 compared with 82 for 1952. Nearly the whole of the increase was accounted for by an increase in the number of measles cases (191 as against 12). Pneumonia notifications were almost doubled—80, compared with 44 in the previous year. Once again there were no cases of poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) nor of diphtheria.

### **Comparative Tables**

Disease				1952	1953
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	10	9
Pneumonia	..	..	..	44	80
Measles	..	..	..	12	191
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	13	18
Puerperal Pyrexia	..	..	..	—	2
Pneumococcal Meningitis	..	..	..	—	1

There were 4 admissions to hospital—(2 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 Pneumococcal Meningitis and 1 Puerperal Pyrexia).

## Diphtheria Immunisation:

The number of children who completed a course of immunisation during 1953 was 81 (all under 5 years); 32 children were given " booster " doses.

The private practitioners continued to co-operate in doing immunisations where parents desired it.

It has been estimated that 75 per cent of the child population (under 15) have been immunised at some time or another.

## Tuberculosis.

The number of new cases notified during the year was 15 (14 pulmonary and 1 non-pulmonary)—6 of the cases were transfers from other districts.

### Comparative Tables of New Cases and Deaths

Year	NEW CASES		DEATHS	
	PULMONARY	NON-PULMONARY	PULMONARY	NON-PULMONARY
1949	6	1	—	—
1950	6	—	2	1
1951	7	—	2	2
1952	10	—	1	—
1953	14	1	—	—

## Venereal Diseases.

No cases of Venereal Diseases were specially brought to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

## Infestation.

No cases of nits or scabies were reported to the Department.

## Disinfection.

3 rooms were disinfected after notifiable diseases on request.

## Climate and Meteorology

Although no figures for Fleet itself as regards rainfall and sunshine are available, by kind permission of the Director and Meteorological Officer of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, I have set out the figures relating to the rainfall and sunshine of the Farnborough District. It is not suggested that these figures are strictly applicable to Fleet but I think it may be presumed that they are sufficiently accurate to be a guide. The figures are as follows:

Month	Rainfall (m.m.)	Sunshine (hours)
January	20.1	34.3
February	35.0	64.6
March	10.8	127.5
April	52.2	156.1
May	46.6	225.5
June	34.3	144.5
July	71.3	211.0
August	51.2	229.5
September	50.0	169.0
October	69.8	85.9
November	43.7	48.1
December	16.6	4.8*
Total	501.6	1500.8

\* Does not include 24th to 28th.

The total rainfall is equivalent to 19.7 inches.

I desire to thank The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and help and to Mr. Smale for his constant willingness and co-operation and to Miss Hall for her steady work during the year.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

Wm. WALMSLEY,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

July, 1954

# Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the Year 1953

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*To the Chairman and Members  
of the Fleet Urban District Council*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1953 and my seventh as your Sanitary Inspector.

## **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA**

### **Water Supply.**

The whole of the water supply for the area is provided by the Mid-Wessex Water Company, and I am indebted to the Chief Engineer of the Company for the following report:—

#### **“ 1.—Sources of Supply.**

Water is supplied in detail for the whole area by the Mid-Wessex Water Company and is obtained from wells in the chalk at Itchel, Greywell and Lasham.

An adequate supply for all purposes without restriction was maintained throughout the year.

#### **2.—Treatment.**

The water from the various chalk wells serving the area varies in hardness from 16.5 to 21 grains/gallon and softening by the lime process is normally carried out at Itchel and Greywell in order to reduce hardness to the statutory limit of 12 grains/gallon.

The water from the Itchel wells has not been softened since June, and water from the new source at Lasham is also not softened, by virtue of a temporary relaxation Order, made by the Minister of Housing and Local Government as a result of his inability to authorise the reconstruction of the old and inadequate softening plant at Itchel, which had to be taken out of service, and the installation of softening plant at Lasham.

The water from all sources is practically sterile in the raw state, before treatment, but it is given a precautionary dose of chlorine during the normal process of treatment, in conformity with modern waterworks practice.



### **3.—Purity of Supply.**

Samples of water are taken regularly and frequently by the Company before and after treatment at the works and in supply. They are examined chemically and bacteriologically by the Company's resident Chemists and Bacteriologists and in addition samples are submitted to the County's Public Health Laboratory for independent examination and reports at regular intervals.

The reports during the past year on all treated waters have shown a consistently high standard of organic and bacterial purity.

4. The water distributed in this area is a normal chalk derived water and has no plumbo-solvent action.

5. No action was necessary, so far as the Company was concerned, to deal with any form of contamination."

### **Water Sampling.**

#### **(a) Public Main Supply.**

The four quarterly samples of the Mid-Wessex Water Company's main supply were taken from different parts of the district and all were reported satisfactory. The hardness figures for the four samples were 11.0 degrees (Clarke's scale), 12.0, 10.3 and 11.5.

#### **(b) Swimming Pool.**

There is one open-air swimming pool in the district and the water supply is treated by filtration, chlorination and aeration. The pool was maintained in a satisfactory condition during the season.

#### **(c) Sewage Works Effluent.**

The Military Authorities continued to take monthly samples of the effluent from the Military Disposal Works at Crookham and results of the analyses were received by the Department. They were reported satisfactory.

### **Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.**

I am indebted to your Surveyor, Mr. J. D. Chivers, for the following report:—

"At the disposal works the construction of 12 concrete sludge drying beds was completed and has proved a great advantage to the drying and disposal of sludge also in the draining of tanks.

The sewerage works have been maintained in a satisfactory condition and are at present dealing with the daily flow of sewage but it will be necessary in the near future to consider modifications to deal with the increased flow as the rapid development of housing construction in the district proceeds.

The main drainage extension in Crookham (Part 1 ) was completed during the year, and is now dealing with the sewage from Coxheath and Ryelaw Estates. The pumping plant at the station in Hitches Lane is operating efficiently and the whole system is working very satisfactorily."



### Public Cleansing.

Tipping is still in progress on the Farnham Road Site. Consideration was given to the purchase of mechanical plant for dealing with the refuse at the tip: This should result in better covering and disposal of the refuse and it was hoped to have the plant in operation early in 1954.

Regular weekly collection of refuse and salvage was maintained throughout the district and the following table shows the income from sales of salvage since 1947.

Year	Total Sales	Average Monthly Sales
1947	£871 9 6	£72 12 5
1948	£914 18 2	£76 18 2
1949	£745 0 0	£61 1 7
1950	£530 0 0	£44 3 3
1951	£1,462 0 0	£121 17 5
1952	£1,036 2 7	£86 7 0
1953	£664 0 0	£55 7 4

The income from salvage was lower than the previous year chiefly due to the prices from paper falling towards the end of the year. A total of 104 tons of paper was collected giving a monthly average of 8 tons 13 cwts.

### HOUSING

My comments in last year's report on the difficulty in getting repairs carried out still apply. It is hoped that impending legislation to give owners some assistance both in the repair and improvement of existing houses will be a success, otherwise the slum clearance problem will be increased in a few years time.

Details of inspections made and notices served will be found in succeeding paragraphs.

#### Housing Act, 1936.

There was no change in the conditions regarding the dwelling-houses represented under Section 11 of the Act in 1948 and 1949.

The dwellinghouses represented as individual unfit houses in 1952, were demolished early in 1953.

One other dwellinghouse was in the process of being dealt with under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953, at the end of the year.

#### Housing Building Progress.

Your Surveyor (Mr. J. D. Chivers) has kindly supplied the following report:—

The following houses were completed during the year.

#### Council Housing—Permanent Housing.

Scheme 13—Coxheath—Messrs. Olivers	...	4
Scheme 14—Coxheath—Messrs. Greens	...	16
Scheme 15—Coxheath—Messrs. Olivers	...	10
Scheme 16—Ryelaw—Messrs. Couben & Wakeling		14

**Houses under Construction.**

Scheme 16—Ryelaw—Messrs. Comben & Wakeling	40
Scheme 13—Westover Road—Messrs. Brooks Bros.	4
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Total under construction	44
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**Total Number of Post-war Houses erected in District.**

Council Houses	...	...	...	...	170
Private Enterprise	...	...	...	...	88

I am indebted to your Housing Officer (Mr. F. C. London) for the following report:—

“ The year 1953 was a very active one for the Housing Department.

The most notable event was the completion of the Coxheath Estate. 30 new houses were completed and occupied and enabled the Council to clear up most of the very urgent cases on their list.

22 of the houses were allocated to applicants from the Waiting List, 6 were occupied by under-housed or over-housed families from the Council’s other estates and 2 were handed over to the County Police Authorities for the housing of Police Officers. The 6 houses vacated on other Estates were re-occupied by 3 applicants from the Waiting List and 3 Licensees from Requisitioned Properties.

Good progress was made with the decision to reduce the number of families at Dinorben, 6 of whom were allocated Council House tenancies.

The Contractors entered on to the Ryelaw Site in May and by December they were able to hand over 14 completed new houses, such speed being hitherto unknown in Fleet and proved the advantage of building in a big way and thereby attracting a large Contractor. 12 of these houses went to nominees by the N.G.T.E. and 2 to applicants on the Council’s list.

The Housing List was reviewed in November and resulted in the Council being left with 136 live applications and proving a wastage of 37.

The Housing Selection Sub-Committee met on 19 occasions often sitting to a very late hour.

42 housing applicants were interviewed by the Committee during the year and 19 of them were subsequently allotted Council House tenancies. In the case of the other 23, an assessment of their need was made for future reference.

3 tenancies were surrendered during the year and the vacancies were filled as to one family from a requisitioned property and two from the housing list.

One requisitioned house was returned to the owner.

59 new applications were received and registered with the Council.”

## Caravans.

The caravan site in private ownership at Crookham and licensed in 1951 has been maintained in a very satisfactory condition. Site works have been completed.

There were 25 caravans on the site at the end of the year.

The policy of the Council with regard to individual sites for caravans is based on that of the County Planning Committee and licences are only granted in respect of sites on which it is the intention of the owners to build houses.

## RODENT CONTROL

The Council continued to participate in the work of the North East Hants Workable Area Committee for Rodent Control and quarterly meetings were held in the four districts represented on the Committee.

Locally a free service to both business and private premises continued to be given during the year.

The annual test baiting of the sewers, in a different part of the district from that surveyed last year, revealed no sign of infestation.

A summary of the work carried out by the Rodent Operator is given below.

			Rats	Mice
Complaints of infestation received	...	...	164	37
Visits of inspection	...	...	164	37
Visits for baiting and extermination	...	...	1211	155
Premises cleared of infestation	...	...	164	37
Bodies recovered	...	...	171	129
Estimated kill	...	...	829	174

## Pest destruction.

Complaints of mosquito nuisance near Fleet Pond were less numerous than in 1952, but the routine measures of spraying the Pond itself and small ponds and ditches in the vicinity and treating the road gullies were continued.

3 dwellinghouses were treated for ants and 1 for beetles; 10 wasps nests were also destroyed.

## SHOPS

The County Council are responsible through their Weights and Measures Department for the closing and other provisions of the Shops Acts, except for the sanitary provisions contained in Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950, which is administered by the Local Sanitary Authority. The provisions of the latter section are carried out.



## SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

During the year the following work was carried out in the provision of sanitary accommodation:—

New houses connected to sewer	...	...	...	34
New houses connected to cesspools	...	...	...	6
Existing houses provided with soakaway drainage	...	...	...	6
Houses with cesspools connected to sewer	...	...	...	5
Houses with pail closets connected to sewer	...	...	...	4

### Crookham Sewerage Extension Scheme.

This scheme was completed during the early part of the year.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### (a) Milk Supply.

There are two producers of milk within the Urban District, one producing Tuberculin Tested and one ungraded milk.

There are 3 retailers, one retailer has discontinued his business.

52 inspections of dairies were made during the year and no statutory action was called for.

37 samples of milk were taken for adulteration and none were found to be adulterated. Details of all samples, including milk, taken for adulteration, will be found in a later paragraph.

### Sampling.

A total of 33 samples were taken with the following results:—

Designation	No. of Samples Submitted	Methylene Blue Test		Phosphatase Test		T.B. Biological Test	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Pos.	Neg.
Pasteurised	22	22	—	22	—		
Tuberculin Tested	8	8	—	8	—		
(Pasteurised)							
Tuberculin Tested	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
(raw)							
Totals	33	30	—	30	—	—	3

Once again all the samples submitted passed the prescribed tests.

Of 12 bottled samples (all pasteurised), 9 were from the three schools in the area, and all passed the prescribed tests.

Three samples of raw Tuberculin Tested Milk were taken as a result of a report of a cow from a herd having been slaughtered and found to be suffering from generalised tuberculosis. The biological (T.B.) test proved negative in each case.

No action was required under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, which provides for action where milk is suspected of having caused diseases in human beings.

## Designated Milk.

The following licences were in force at the end of the year.

Pasteurised (including	1 Dealer's (Pasteuriser's)
Tuberculin Tested pasteurised)	3 Dealer's
Sterilised ... ..	1 Dealer's

The one pasteurising establishment in the area is licensed by the Local Authority on behalf of the County Council.

## Ice Cream.

Thirty-three premises are registered for the retail sale of ice cream under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. One café also manufactures and retails ice cream from specially adapted and separate premises. 11 inspections of all premises were carried out and no contraventions of the above statute nor of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947, were found. In all but 3 of the premises registered for the sale of ice cream, only a pre-packed article is sold.

## (b) Meat and other Foods.

The meat supply of the district continued to be distributed through the Farnborough and Aldershot slaughterhouses. With the announcement of the official de-control of the meat and livestock industry in the summer of 1954, this opportunity is taken to pay a tribute to the butchers in the area who despite difficulties and problems, many beyond their control, played their part during the rationing period. Co-operation between them and the Health Department was good and they rarely failed to respond to advice and informal action where this was found to be necessary.

The following articles of food were surrendered and condemned as being unfit for human food:—

Meat (carcase & offal)	1363 lbs.
Ham (canned) ...	50 lbs.
Ox Tongues (canned)	6 lbs.
Sausages ... ..	64 lbs.
Pork Pie ... ..	1 lb.
Turkeys (2) ...	16 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
Poissins ... ..	32
Cheese ... ..	21 lbs.
Fish ... ..	18 $\frac{1}{2}$ stns.
Tinned food (various)	341 tins

The large amount of carcase meat which had to be condemned is to be regretted. During August a total of 691 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. of beef and mutton killed at the Farnborough slaughterhouse was condemned mainly because of its "fly blown" condition. Representations were made both to Ministry of Food and Ministry of Health but in view of the impending de-control of meat no positive action could be taken to improve the conditions at the Farnborough slaughterhouse.



In accordance with Circular 1/54 the following information is given regarding Food premises in the year:—

Number of food premises, by type of business, in the district, at end of the year.

Type of Business	No.
Butchers ... ..	8
Bakehouses and confectioners ... ..	7
Cooked meats ... ..	1
Fish (raw) ... ..	3
Fish (fried) ... ..	2
Greengrocery ... ..	6
Grocers (inc. " mixed " shops) ... ..	20
Cafés (inc. snack bars) ... ..	11
Factory canteens ... ..	2
Food factories (biscuit packing stations) ... ..	2

Number of food premises, by type of business, registered under section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Type of Business	No.
Butchers ... ..	4
Ice Cream ... ..	33

609 inspections of all types of food premises were carried out during the year.

Food traders have responded well, in the main, to advice on food hygiene but it must be said that despite byelaws, statutes and regulations, the greatest force for improvement of food hygiene standards must be with the public themselves.

In 1950 the Council made byelaws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 and no statutory action was necessary to ensure compliance with them.

There is no clean food guild in the area, reliance being placed on individual advice and information on food hygiene at routine inspections.

### **Food poisoning.**

There were no outbreaks of food poisoning reported in the district during the year.

### **(c) Adulteration, etc.**

The County Council is the responsible authority.

I am indebted to Mr. C. O. Perry, Chief Inspector, for the following report:—

The following is a list of samples taken within the Fleet Urban District during the year.

Article	No. of Samples Taken	
	Genuine	Unsatisfactory
Butter and other Fats .. .. .	1	—
Drugs .. .. .	1	—
Milk .. .. .	37	—
Meat Products .. .. .	2	—
Spirits .. .. .	2	—
Other Foods .. .. .	2	—
Total	45	—

The 37 milk samples contained an average of 4.08 per cent Milk Fat and 8.92 per cent Non-Fatty solids.

## GENERAL SANITARY INSPECTION WORK

Details of the inspections carried out during the year are given in the following table:—

Premises inspected.					Number of inspections
Re:	Water Supply	...	...	...	5
	Drainage	...	...	...	360
	Stables and piggeries	...	...	...	2
	Factories	...	...	...	100
	Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	44
	Refuse collection (dustbins) and disposal	...	...	...	8
	Rats and Mice destruction	...	...	...	6
	Shops (re Shops Acts)	...	...	...	6
	Schools	...	...	...	3
	Swimming pools	...	...	...	2
	Pest extermination	...	...	...	13
	Atmospheric pollution	...	...	...	6
	Infectious diseases	...	...	...	8
	Miscellaneous sanitary visits	...	...	...	24
	Miscellaneous other visits	...	...	...	13
	Rivers pollution	...	...	...	7
<b>Meat and Food Inspection.</b>					
	Butchers' shops	...	...	...	244
	Fishmongers and fish friers	...	...	...	131
	Grocers	...	...	...	39
	Greengrocers	...	...	...	19
	Dairies	...	...	...	52
	Bakehouses	...	...	...	75
	Ice cream premises	...	...	...	11
	Food preparing premises	...	...	...	115
	Cafés and canteens	...	...	...	123
	Miscellaneous milk visits	...	...	...	21
	Miscellaneous food visits	...	...	...	22

**Dwellinghouses.**

Under Public Health Acts	...	...	62
Re-inspections under Public Health Acts	...	...	100
Under Housing Acts	...	...	37
Re-inspections under Housing Acts	...	...	20
Re: Verminous Premises	...	...	1
Re-visits re verminous premises	...	...	1
Miscellaneous housing visits	...	...	25
Total			1705

**Drainage.**

Alterations, additions and repairs	...	...	83
Drain stoppages cleared	...	...	114
Drain test (water and smoke)	...	...	212
Cesspools emptied	...	...	208
Cesspools (loads)	...	...	241

The Rodent Operator also carries out the work of unstopping drains, on request, at a charge to the occupier of 2/- per hour. This scheme is to the advantage of the occupier and is instrumental in the prevention of Public Health Nuisances.

Cesspools are emptied at a cost to the occupier of £1/0/0 per load of 750 gallons. The work is carried out under contract to the Council by a private contractor (The Hampshire Cleansing Service). This arrangement works well.

**Complaints.**

Housing Defects	...	...	9
Rodent infestation	...	...	85
Drainage (general)	...	...	6
Drainage (obstructed drains)	...	...	130
Pests (general)	...	...	17
Disinfections	...	...	3
Public Health nuisances (general)	...	...	19
Food and Drugs	...	...	3
Water Supply	...	...	1
Total			273

**FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948**

1. **INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health made by Sanitary Inspector.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	2
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities	45	99
TOTAL	50	101

2. **CASES** in which **DEFECTS** were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found	
	Found	Remedied
Want of cleanliness (S.1) .. ..	5	5
Total ..	5	5

**NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR**

Form of Notice	Number Served	Premises	Defects
Informal :			
(a) Sanitary Defects	14	15	64
(b) Others .. ..	—	—	—
Total	14	15	64
Statutory :			
(a) Sanitary Defects	1	1	2
(b) Others .. ..	—	—	—
Total	1	1	2

In conclusion I must once again express to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee my appreciation of their support and to your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Wahnsley. I also express to your Clerk and Surveyor, my thanks for their continued co-operation during the year.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

F. E. SMALE,

*Sanitary Inspector.*

July, 1954.